

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 20 and 21 are presently pending in this case. Claims 2-7 and 16-19 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer by the present amendment and new Claims 20 and 21 are added by the present amendment. As new Claims 20 and 21 are supported by original Claims 14 and 10, respectively, no new matter is added.

In the outstanding Official Action, Claims 2, 3, and 5-7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over Larsson et al. (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 20040196784, hereinafter Larsson) in view of Björndahl (WIPO Publication No. WO 99/41876) and further in view of Beamish et al. (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 20040209598, hereinafter Beamish); Claims 16-19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over Larsson in view of Swartz et al. (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 20050040230, hereinafter Swartz) and Björndahl and further in view of Beamish; and Claim 4 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over Larsson in view of Björndahl and Beamish and further in view of Chatani (U.S. Patent No. 6,792,292).

Claims 2-7 and 16-19 are canceled making the present rejections on the merits moot.

New Claim 20 is identical to original Claim 14, which was allowed in the Office Action dated November 23, 2005.

New Claim 20 recites in part “an imaging device configured to acquire a predetermined image of one of the communication terminals.”

The Office Action dated November 23, 2005 conceded that none of Larsson, Swartz, Beamish, and Chatani teaches or suggests this element.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup>See the Office Action dated November 23, 2005 at page 7, lines 17-18.

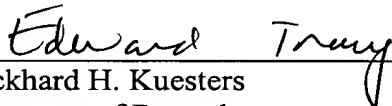
Further, it is respectfully submitted that Björndahl does not teach or suggest this feature either. Björndahl describes the use of an infrared (IR) link to exchange sensitive information, such as encryption information.<sup>2</sup> Consequently, Björndahl does not teach or suggest “an imaging device configured to acquire a predetermined image of one of the communication terminals” as recited in new Claim 20.

As none of the cited references teach or suggest “an imaging device configured to acquire a predetermined image of one of the communication terminals,” new Claim 20 (and Claim 21 dependent therefrom) is patentable over the cited references.

Accordingly, the pending claims are believed to be in condition for formal allowance. An early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

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<sup>2</sup>See Björndahl, page 6, line 9 to page 8, line 3 and Figures 2 and 3.